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# letters

## VIRTUAL HARMONY

Last night 36 socially distanced musicians and singers met online for the best international multi-house jam I've ever been to. Local organizer Steve Gibson (Cross Current band) had invited some of his professional musician friends to join our intrepid group of mostly amateurs and wannabes, and we sang our hearts out for three hours together-apart.

People from Canada, New Zealand, Virginia and Wisconsin all joined in with us. While a lead would sing, the rest of the group would be muted and playing and singing along in our own living rooms. I found myself singing out loud-er, and to more songs — no one could hear any mistakes.

In between songs, we were unmuted and chatted about the song, which gave us the feeling of actually being there with each other. There is a learning curve with the software, but our group is heavily weighted towards the grey hair end of the spectrum, and we did just fine.

So add music jamming to the list of things that can be virtualized while we carry on.

*Elena Rae  
Eugene*

## WHAT HOAX?

In this week's letters (3/26), Brian Palmer demonstrated just how fast the lame excuses of Trump supporters become obsolete. He called COVID-19 fake, saying that "only" 170 people have died. As I write this, the death toll is 10 times that: more than 100,000 confirmed infections, and that number is probably low because testing is so inadequate thanks to the sheer incompetence of Palmer's hero, Donald Trump. At the rate we're going, that number will probably be over a million by Trump's Easter "no problem" fantasy, and yes, deaths will be over 100,000.

Trump's cuts to CDC, the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Security Council's pandemic response team have led to this disaster. The Obama administration left him a detailed pandemic playbook which apparently got lost on a shelf somewhere after 20 January 2017, and gathered dust.

This disaster could have been mitigated, if not for Trump's obsession with destroying all things Obama out of pure spite.

*Gary Frazier  
Eugene*

## SOUL SEARCHING

Regardless of whether there is a global pandemic or not, the Earth needs protection from the human species. When we "locals" advocate for the places we love, and folks in different places work to protect the places they hold dear, we can create a patchwork of active safe-keeping that has the potential to create a MOVEMENT! #CommunityRights

The COVID-19 virus has created for us a "timeout" opportunity to do some

very necessary soul searching. Let's re-examine the roles we must play as stewards of our planet home... and work to create a world worthy of our elders, children, and future generations.

*Michelle Holman  
Deadwood*

## RESTORING TRUST AT 4J

With the departure of Eugene School District 4J Superintendent Gus Baldaras in late June, the 4J board must select a replacement. The board is planning to hire a one-year interim superintendent from within the ranks of current 4J administrators. In this time of uncertainty, the temptation to fast-track the process is understandable. However, the question must be: What is the prudent process and timeline?

Because of the recent controversy in the selection of Jim Torrey to replace Evangelina Sundgren, it is essential that the board garner public trust. This means that the process must be transparent; must provide authentic opportunity for quality community input; and must provide a confidential way for current district employees to voice their pertinent experiences with any in-house district candidates.

To take meaningful and serious steps to secure public trust, the board must allow for a reasonable timeline. Because the board will be accepting only in-house candidates, the need to rush the process is unnecessary; the new interim superintendent will not be an outsider, but one familiar with 4J's systems and issues.

It is imperative for the 4J board to create a hiring process and timeline that is deeply committed to public trust.

*Roscoe Caron  
Eugene*

## CORPORATE GREED WINS AGAIN

Democrats rule the House of Representatives.

Instead of steadfastly creating a bill that prioritizes the three main principles of (1) giving aid to their declared constituency of workers and the middle class of up to \$2,000 per person for at least four months, like Canada did; (2) immediate cash infusion to the health care system; and (3) assurance to the millions of small businesses to keep their workers on payroll, they instead opted to cater to their corporate overlords. Yes, the same corporate overlords that control the Republican Party. And they added the fourth and most insidious element of a corporate bailout of industries that are so cash rich that they don't need no stinkin' bailout money.

They settled for a measly one-time payment of \$1,200 (are you kidding me?) for the peons who are the backbone of this once great nation and agreed to give their corporate masters the keys to the treasury.

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Richard Blackstone  
Creswell

## VOTE FOR TRIEGER

As a health care professional, I am impacted by the COVID-19 crisis every

day. Locally and statewide, we have a paid sick time ordinance allowing workers to stay home when they are sick, or when a loved one is sick.

Laurie Trieger led the fight for that, which has benefited all of us in this crisis. Without this, everyone would continue to drag themselves into work regardless of how they feel or how sick someone is at home in order to keep the job or pay they desperately need. As we see now, this endangers the entire community. In tandem, we see how much

employers must pay sick time appropriately to keep us all safe.

Fortunately, Oregon's workers have been accumulating sick time benefits since Trieger went to bat for us and won. Many of Oregon's sick workers were able to stay home early in this epidemic. While we'll never be able to quantify the effect, we know that this has slowed the spread of the virus.

Trieger has led effective campaigns for living wages, healthy food in schools and low-income neighborhoods, and the

elimination of predatory lending practices by payday loan companies. She cares about kids and working families and has smart ideas and creative strategies to adapt to and combat climate change.

Effective leadership at all levels of government is what we need. I encourage everyone in South Eugene to join me in supporting Trieger for County Commissioner. Stay home and stay safe!

Kendra Northam  
Eugene

## Covid Updates at Capella Market

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# The Tale of the Tape

DEMOCRATS RUNNING FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  
IN THE PRIMARY MAKE THEIR CASE

By Henry Houston

Oregon's office of Secretary of State has seen a lot of turnover since Kate Brown had the rare opportunity to take over the governor's seat following John Kitzhaber's resignation in 2014. Over the last 10 years, Oregon has had four secretaries of state.

In May, since Oregon has closed primaries, Democratic Party-registered voters will decide which of three candidates will take on the likely Republican candidate — pro-Timber Unity Sen. Kim Thatcher of Keizer.

*Eugene Weekly* talked to the three candidates seeking the Democratic Party's nomination, and they have a lot in common. They want the office to incorporate climate change as an element of auditing, to tackle misinformation spread during election cycles and for the candidate to serve a long tenure in office. But in addition to legislative experience, there are some slight differences in their platforms.

Sen. Mark Hass has been in Salem for 20 years. He's served the longest time in Salem compared to the other candidates and was a major player in getting the Student Success Act passed in 2019. He says his experience in the Legislature taught him to handle the pressures of big challenges while staying independent, and the office needs someone who can be independent.

"I don't think you can come in and say, 'I've never done redistricting, but I'm sure I can hire experts to help me with this,'" he says. "I understand the pressures and how to get things done, partisan or not."

Hass says as secretary of state, he'd want to open Oregon's primaries. He says he formally asked the Democratic Party of Oregon to open its primaries in 2019, but the party voted against it.

"Unaffiliated voters are now the largest group of voters," he says. "We're telling this largest group of voters who pay taxes that they can't vote in a primary. I just think that's wrong."

He adds that some of those voters possibly registered through the Motor Voter Act with no preference, but the

larger trend is voter disinterest in the two-party system.

"That is a state conversation that the secretary of state needs to have next year," he says. "If the parties don't do it, you could change the law. That feels a little heavy handed, but we gotta have that conversation."

Hass' largest donations come from railroad car manufacturer The Greenbrier Companies (\$5,000) and \$5,000 from Sydney DeBoer, founder and chairman of Lithia Motors in Medford. The average contribution to his cam-



paign is \$720, according to OreStar, the state's campaign finance transparency website.

State Sen. Shemia Fagan of the Portland area is the most recent candidate to line up for the race. She announced her candidacy in the weeks after Rep. Jennifer Williamson exited the race in response to a *Willamette Week* report on her campaign spending.

Fagan already received many endorsements, including from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union and NARAL Pro-Choice America. Her campaign has seen some large donations, too. She received \$15,000 from AFSCME, \$10,000 from Citizen Action for Political Education and \$5,000 from Friends of Val Hoyle. Since filing Feb. 29, her campaign

has raised a total of nearly \$41,000, with an average contribution of \$3,415.

With COVID-19 threatening physical polls throughout the U.S., Fagan says current Secretary of State Bev Clarno should be pushing every state in the nation to adopt vote by mail. If she were in office, she says she'd be advocating for nationwide use of mail-in ballots.

Fagan says she'd travel throughout the state to hear what everyday Oregonians have to say because most of the state doesn't know anything about the office or who holds it. That's not because of the decade of high turnover; it's because previous officers haven't committed to outreach, she says, adding that while she's away from Salem, she'd have a strong deputy to oversee the day-to-day activities.

Because the secretary of state oversees state agencies, Fagan says she would apply the strategy that former Secretary of State (and former governor) Barbara Roberts had when in office: attend agency meetings.

And Fagan wants to tackle a public records loophole that allows politicians to have caucus conversations and vote against legislation deemed by parties as "bad bills."

Fagan also says she would use the office's outreach department more to combat misinformation. What threatens Oregon's democracy more than any form of hacking is the spread of misinformation. She says she would direct her office to tackle this threat, encouraging Oregonians to rely on credible news sources.

Jamie McLeod-Skinner, a resident of Terrebonne, is an elected board member of the Jefferson County Education Service District and a member at large for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

She first got attention from the state when she took on Congressman Greg Walden in 2018 and offered him his biggest general election challenge in a while. She traveled more than 35,000 miles across the seventh largest congressional district in the U.S. in a trailer to meet with voters. Walden still won his 11th term to Congress, but McLeod-Skinner carved out some huge support for a Democrat on Oregon's rural east side.

McLeod-Skinner says the House flipped in 2018 and probably won't have a Republican takeover in 2020, so she decided not to run for that seat again.

She filed for secretary of state in August 2019. Since then, OreStar says she's raised \$202,000 with an average contribution of about \$300.

Although she laughs that people tease her for thinking "auditing is sexy," she says there's a sense of urgency about why she's running for secretary of state, particularly on redistricting. She doesn't want to see the state fall into the gerrymandering mess that Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker caused in his state.

The Legislature has a bigger role in redistricting, but she points out that a political walkout could jeopardize that process, leaving it to the Secretary of State.

"This one person could shape and change the state," she says. "Even if that individual is a nice person, the political party steps in."

She says she would establish an advisory body that brings together former secretaries of state, communities of interest, tribal communities and members of the Legislature. It'd be an open process that would be live streamed and open to the public with meetings throughout the state, she says.

In May, she says, Democrats should be concerned about whom they're nominating for November because former Secretary of State Dennis Richardson proved in 2016 that Republicans can still win statewide elections in a blue state. So voters should consider a Democrat's electability in November who understands issues outside of the Willamette Valley.

"We need someone who can get votes statewide," she says. "I have a huge advantage over my colleagues with the name recognition and political infrastructure I built in two-thirds of the state." ■

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• Leaders of the City Club of Eugene did a terrific public service on March 27 in their first of **a series of virtual candidate forums**. Former interim UO President Scott Coltrane interviewed the four candidates for Pete Sorenson's Lane County Commission seat, bringing out enough of their qualifications and policy positions so you could rationally decide who gets your vote in May. The forums are broadcast at noon Fridays on the City Club Facebook page, later on the YouTube page and as always on KLCC at 7 pm Mondays. City Council Ward 1 candidates will be interviewed April 3, City Council Ward 8 and County Commission District 4 candidates on April 10. We missed the questions from the City Club audience, often the best part of the programs, but it's tough to do that virtually.

• File under **COVID-19 WTF**: The federal Environmental Protection Agency is "temporarily" easing its air pollution standards, so watch out for your lungs; Oregon is allowing gas stations to let people pump their own fuel, so bring some cleaning wipes with you to the pump just in case; and President Donald Trump's nonsense-filled brief conferences are so full of lies that even some NPR stations won't air them live anymore.

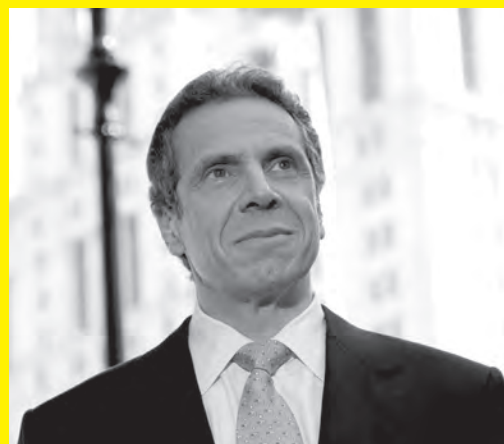


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• Lots of **chatter out there about New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo** entering the presidential race. He's doing such a masterful job of steering his state through this terrible virus crisis and calling out President Donald Trump on his foot-dragging. Wonder whom our Sen. Jeff Merkley will choose if the nomination turns into a fight between Sen. Bernie Sanders, Vice President Joe Biden and

Cuomo? A recent mailing from Merkley talks about a series of Zoom meetings he's going to have on "where we go from here and how we shape the 2020 election to bring the leadership we need to Washington." Merkley was the only senator to support Sanders in the 2016 primary.

• Our print paper is on a coronavirus diet, but we have some **extra stories you can read on EugeneWeekly.com**: "A Marathon and a Sprint" — how nonprofits are preparing to help the homeless during COVID-19. In addition to homelessness, you can also read about our interview with Sen. Ron Wyden on the new stimulus package, unemployment benefits and how it helps Oregonians. For local developments on coronavirus, read our daily updates on COVID-19 in Lane County. We are also continuing to update our local restaurant take out and delivery guide, so businesses please continue to submit entries and let us know about changes!

• Our source in Grants Pass tells us that blue signs are blooming all over that conservative Southern Oregon city. **They say "Trump 2020" of course.** All those Trumpers should be required to read *A Very Stable Genius* by the Pulitzer-prize winning *Washington Post* reporters Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig. Sadly, it wouldn't even matter if they did.

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# No Money, No Problem

HOW NONPROFITS CAN RAISE FUNDS WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

By Taylor Perse

As gatherings of all sizes are canceled, many nonprofits are losing annual galas and brunches — events intended to garner the donations that keep organizations running. To make up for lost revenue, an Oregon nonprofit created a gift card fundraising idea that benefits nonprofits, community members and businesses, and that model is moving to Eugene, thanks to a local environmental group.

This model was produced by Politisit — a Portland-based nonprofit that provides childcare funds for caretakers who want to participate in civic meetings. After its annual fundraising brunch was canceled, the organization had to think creatively about how to raise donations.

“We were going to have our third anniversary brunch,” says Politisit founder and Board President Rachel Sowray. “About a month ago it looked pretty clear that was not going to happen, so I tried to figure out what to do that’s virtual.”

Sowray came up with the idea to hold an online auction that supported Politisit and local businesses.

Here is how it works: People purchase gift cards to a local business, whether it be a restaurant, coffee shop, retail store, etc. Then the supporter donates the gift card to the nonprofit, which can be a write-off on taxes if the organization is a 501(c)(3).

The nonprofit then takes the gift cards and auctions them off online. Community members bid and win gift cards to local businesses, and the nonprofit acquires funds. Politisit’s auction launched on Friday, and Sowray says they are already sending out cards to bidders.

She says it looks so far like they may raise more than their brunch fundraising event would have, and she is encouraging other nonprofits to do this to get donations.

“My hope is that we can get this out to other nonprofits to use,” Sowray says.

In Eugene, the Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) is adopting the gift card auctioning

model, and has already seen support for it.

Ashley Chesser, executive director of NCAP, says when she heard of Politisit’s idea, she thought it would work well for her nonprofit. NCAP had also canceled plans for a fundraising event, and Chesser was looking for a way to support NCAP’s staff and community. This seemed like a positive option.

“I said, ‘Oh, this is an amazing model, I’d love to support our local community in that way,’” Chesser says.

Sowray says this donation model could outlast the pandemic-induced stay-at-home orders and shutdowns because it connects people with businesses and nonprofits.

“I think one of the nice things about this for people is they feel they can still be connected and take action at the moment,” Sowray says. “So many people are willing to take action.” ■

Find out more about Politisit and its initiative to support local businesses at [Politisit.org](http://Politisit.org). NCAP and its gift card auction can be found at [Pesticide.org](http://Pesticide.org).

## Takeout and Delivery Books

LOCAL BOOKSTORES ARE PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH READING MATERIALS WHILE MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING

By Taylor Perse

Even in our technology-driven world, nothing compares to the smell and feel of a physical book. And these quarantine days of COVID-19 are no exception.

But don’t wait days for Amazon to deliver. Local bookstores are still providing reading material while maintaining proper social distancing.

Although many retail businesses, including public libraries, are closed, Smith Family Bookstore, Tsunami Books and J. Michaels Books are providing customers with the option of picking up purchases and ramping up their online deliveries to meet customer needs while people are quarantined.

Evon Smith, owner of Smith Family Bookstore, says she has seen an increase of people wanting to read books, even if it isn’t a habit they’ve kept up with recently.

“We’ve had people calling for books they’ve read before and want to read again,” she says. “Which tells us, there is something about a physical book that is comforting right now.”

With increased social distancing measures in place, she says people have the option of choosing e-books. But Smith says physical books are not only comforting, but they provide a break from the constant screen time, whether that’s for kids or from adults working from home all day.

Although Smith Family has seen a drop in business, Smith says the bookstore is still doing what it can to provide for customers. In addition to offering pick up at

the front door and curbside delivery, she says the staff still helps people find books to read.

Smith says some customers call and ask, “This is my budget, what does your staff recommend?” The staff then discusses their picks and bags up different books they think the customer would be interested in.

Overall, Smith says, it’s strange to see the store so empty, and she looks forward to the day when people can browse the shelves again. But for now, they are making it work.

Although downtown Eugene is empty, Jeremy Nissel of J. Michael’s Bookstore is still trying to get his books out to customers as well. His employees are being paid but not working to minimize their risk of contracting the virus. Nissel is working by himself to keep things running smoothly.

“I was nervous enough that I’m just working by myself,” Nissel says.

He’s at the shop most days, making deliveries to most customers within a five-mile radius and pulling together orders for those who want to pick them up.

Like other open bookstores, Tsunami Books has kept

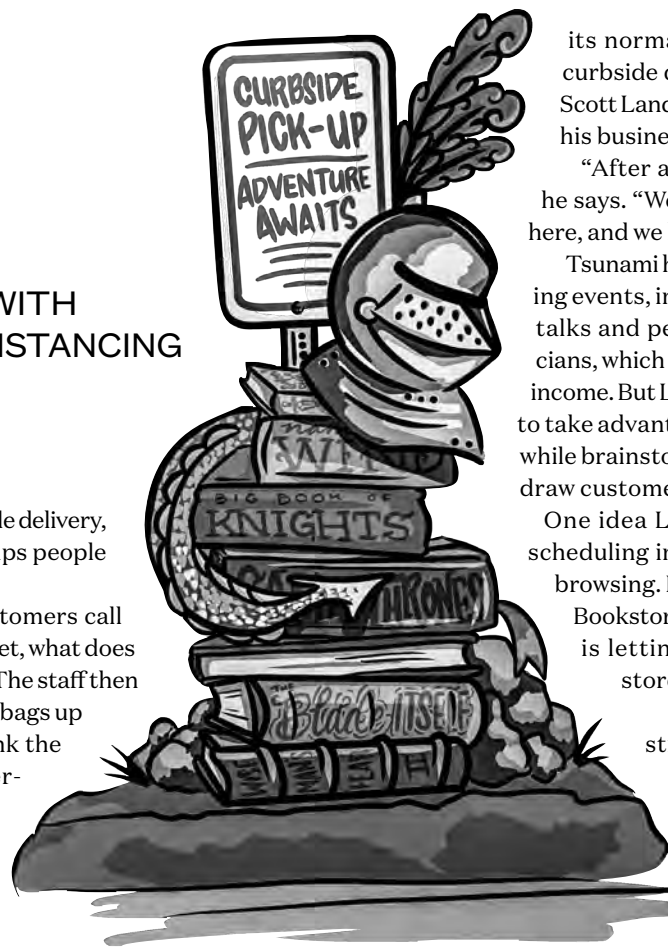


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its normal hours and also provides curbside delivery and pick up. Owner Scott Landfield says at first he was sure his business would “go belly up.”

“After a day’s rest I got over that,” he says. “We have a really creative staff here, and we keep coming up with ideas.”

Tsunami had to cancel all of its upcoming events, including local writers giving talks and performances by local musicians, which are a part of the bookstore’s income. But Landfield says they are trying to take advantage of small business loans while brainstorming other possibilities to draw customers in.

One idea Landfield is looking into is scheduling individual appointments for browsing. He got the idea from Capitol Bookstore in Washington, D.C., which is letting customers peruse their stores with a reserved time slot.

Meanwhile, customers are still putting in big orders, he says, perhaps because of all the time they have to read and the recent selling of their stocks.

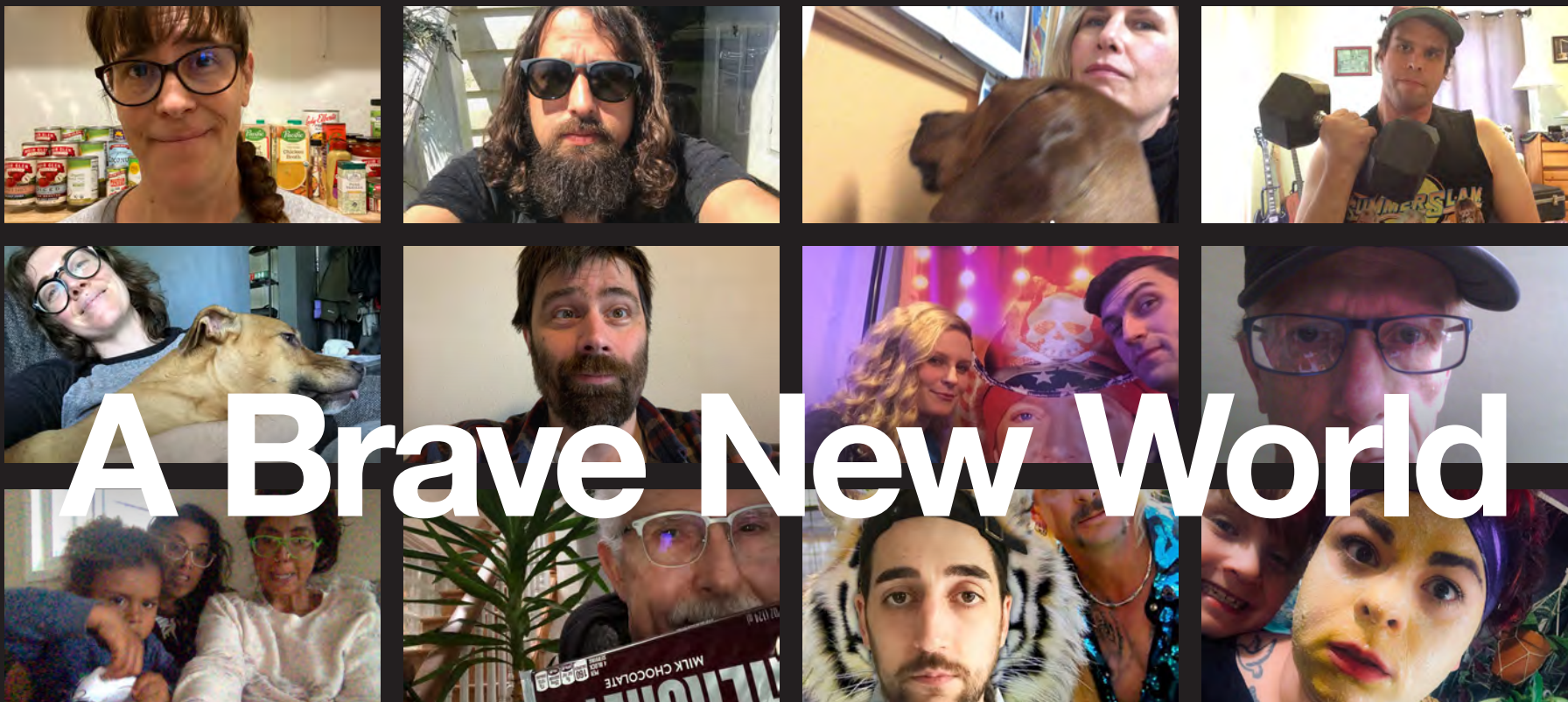
Tsunami has sold a lot of rare books online, and the staff is working hard to put together their own picks of books for people to purchase in bundles for themselves or kids.

Tsunami has someone who will deliver books on a bike, if needed. Landfield is also delivering to select customers.

He adds that keeping the business open is a bit of a mission, but that it’s an ongoing process. Eugene is a healthy community, he says.

“Books are an essential service,” Landfield says. “And that’s why [Gov.] Kate Brown didn’t cross off the possibility of being in business.” ■

Smith Family Books is open 10 am to 5 pm Monday - Saturday, 541-343-4717; Tsunami Books is open 10 am to 7 pm Monday - Saturday and 10 am to 6 pm Sunday, 541-345-8986; J. Michaels Books is open 10 am to 5:30 pm Tuesday - Saturday, 541-342-2002.



A STAY AT HOME ORDER MEANS FINDING COMMUNITY ONLINE By Henry Houston

**T**he digital world overtook daily life faster than we could ever imagine. Choppy video feed, an awkward amount of silent smiling and sometimes strange life-style-revealing backgrounds sprinkled with countless questions of “are you on?” is the new normal for those lucky enough to be working in the era of Gov. Kate Brown’s “stay home, stay healthy” order — or for those who are trying to have a social life during the lockdown.

Living in the digital world doesn’t have to be a terrible change. Communicating in apps like Zoom, Facebook or Slack does allow us humans to be the social creatures we are and communicate with one another after gatherings were prohibited to flatten the COVID-19 curve. And just reaching out to the “digital natives” can offer a huge help for adjusting to working remotely.

Mark Davis, general manager of EugeneTech, says there are digital natives and digital refugees. Digital natives have grown up in tech and some have even been working remotely way before the shelter-in-place order. Digital refugees, on the other hand, are finding themselves in a new world.

“As digital natives, it’s our opportunity to help them navigate the digital world,” he says.

Davis says he’s worked remotely for a long time. A good pair of headphones can go a long way. In addition to tackling the problem of a distant microphone in a computer, better quality headphones allow him to hear more inflection in voices and to visualize smiles — the stuff you’d notice when talking in-person.

For professionals used to socializing, working remotely can be daunting. Besides the ongoing distractions of things like the nth replay of *The Office* in the background or out-of-school kids, having a co-worker just drop by is gone.

But he says the digital break room could be on a random

channel on the platform Slack, where co-workers can share things like cat videos.

The length of Oregon’s stay-at-home order could be extended, meaning Eugene’s civic realm could find itself in the digital world, too. Davis says Open Eugene, a local chapter of the nationwide group Code for America Brigade, is working to implement a virtual town square through the open-source video conference app Jitsi, which would stream events hosted by Eugene Chamber of Commerce and maybe even City Council meetings.

With the current greater emphasis on the digital world, Davis says now is the time for digital natives to not just welcome the refugees but also not make them feel dumb because “kind is the new cool.”

Davis says a good starting point for those who see the online world as uncharted waters is through a smartphone. If someone has an iPhone, for example, FaceTime is an easier way to communicate than through a desktop computer where there are more devices to deal with — like a webcam, speakers and microphone.

If you’re still not ready for the online world, online conference call apps allow you to phone it in — or if you have a poor rural internet connection. And one of those apps that seem to be really in season is Zoom, Davis says. It’s been ubiquitous in the business community, he adds, so it’s been the go-to in this period.

The company’s Wall Street performance (NASDAQ: ZM) shows investors agree we’re in the age of Zoom. Zoom’s stock hit its historic highs around Feb. 28. Since then, it has peaked at \$161.05 on March 30. That’s a big climb for a business that was around \$60 a share in the fourth quarter of 2019, especially in a market that has had more downs than ups recently.

A spokesperson for Zoom won’t share any numbers around users, usage, signups or total number of customers in the area. However, he points to the company’s fourth-quarter earnings release: about 81,900 customers with

more than 10 employees, up 61 percent from 2018’s fourth quarter.

As Oregonians deal with the stay-at-home orders, apps like Zoom are helpful for people who are self-isolating, because loneliness can have a profound impact on someone’s mental and physical health, says Elliot Berkman, associate professor in the department of psychology at the University of Oregon. That can take a toll on someone’s immune system, too, a danger when we’re all stuck at home to contain the spread of a virus.

Sure, humans are optimized for person-to-person socialization, he says. And humans have a layer to our brain dedicated to tracking the social world and what people think and expect of us.

“At the same time, it’s not like digital communication is nothing,” he says. “There’s quite a bit of how the social world operates that doesn’t have to be in-person. Merely thinking someone else thinks well or ill of you can change your psychology.”

Digital communication does bring about a sense of social integration, which is something we perceive, he says. Even before the COVID-19 lockdown, you could still be isolated but perceive yourself as socially integrated and vice versa.

He adds that apps like Zoom have a fighting chance to let people think they’re socially integrated, just like online groups playing the massive multiplayer online role playing game *World of Warcraft*, where players can chat with guild members among other things.

But you don’t necessarily need to look to the digital world if you’re not totally comfortable with the internet. Look to phone conversations or neighbors while maintaining social distance measures because in the end, it’s not just a conversation people seek, he says.

“It’s the broader sense of community,” he says. “If that community is there for you, that it’s a source of support for you, that’s at the heart of what we need.” ■





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# Just the Basics

EUGENE TECH FIRM DEVELOPS A **UBI CALCULATOR** by Will Kennedy

In the days of COVID-19, UBI, or universal basic income, is having a moment.

Tech mogul Andrew Yang made his UBI plan, called The Freedom Dividend, a central plank of his now-ended 2020 presidential aspirations. Since abandoning his presidential bid, Yang launched Humanity Forward, a new nonprofit to help keep his UBI vision alive, among other initiatives.

With the economic impact of the coronavirus now predicted to range from catastrophic to cataclysmic, UBI-like initiatives are popping up from the House of Representatives, Sen. Bernie Sanders and even President Donald Trump.

When the time comes for real legislation on UBI, voters could compare and contrast proposals with a new free web app called the UBI Calculator, developed, in part, by Eugene tech firm Twenty Ideas.

Economic and political issues are nothing new for Twenty Ideas CEO Mike Biglan. Before his career in tech, Biglan studied economics at the University of Chicago. He also served on the city of Eugene budget committee from 2005 to 2008.

“I’m an experimentalist,” he says. “We need to be trying lots of different things,” and UBI should be taken seriously, he says.

UBI is really just a new name for an old idea. In the 1960s, Martin Luther King Jr.’s Poor People’s Campaign included a UBI-like proposal, and Mike Kuhn, assistant professor of economics at the University of Oregon, points to the “negative income tax” plans of the 1970s as another early example of the concept. Under a negative income tax plan, a progressive tax code would feature positive rates for high earners but then extend to the negative domain for low earners.

Don’t bring in enough income? The government would

cut you a check instead of the other way around. And believe it or not, this idea was supported by many Republican politicians of the era. With most modern UBI plans — and there are many — the government would give lump sums of money to every citizen, regardless of need, and often at the expense of other social welfare funding. Instead of targeting aid to high-need individuals, the plans say, just cut a check to everyone and be done with it: clean, efficient, less bureaucratic, and in some sense, more egalitarian.

Sample from ubicalculator.com

That’s the idea, anyway.

Twenty Ideas’ UBI calculator presents a clear picture of how differing UBI proposals might impact the daily life of an average citizen, controlling for size of household and annual income. It explains how each program is paid for with data provided by individual politicians and economists, while also addressing common concerns about UBI like cost, risk of inflation, the tax burden on the middle class

and disincentivizing the labor force from working at all.

“There are a lot of people out there talking about their plans,” Biglan says, with different parameters and a lot of nuance. The UBI calculator puts all that together in one place, with full transparency. Yang’s Freedom Dividend is available for scrutiny on the platform, among many others.

But Prof. Kuhn cautions that fully addressing theoretical concern about UBI is difficult because there’s never been a large-scale implementation of such a program.

“The biggest concern is if individuals are going to reduce their labor supply in response to the universal basic income,” he says. Recent research suggests that’s a very legitimate theoretical concern. Empirical studies tell a different story. “There’s a response there,” Kuhn says, “but it’s not as strong as the conservative economic theory approach might tell you.”

Another common concern about UBI is inflation — or prices being driven up by the injection of “free money” into the economy. Here, too, data is lacking, Kuhn says.

What does concern Kuhn about UBI is what such a program might crowd out in terms of other forms of social welfare spending.

“In the UBI way, the effectiveness per dollar is not as high as reinvesting in some of our existing welfare programs,” he says.

Kuhn says we take programs like food stamps (aka SNAP benefits), disability and unemployment insurance for granted.

“There are a lot of real successful stories,” he says, especially when those programs are adequately funded. But that’s not very sexy, Kuhn points out. “They’re existing programs, and people want something new.”

What’s for certain, Kuhn continues, is that UBI could be an effective way to mitigate the disruptive effects of tech and trade on the job market.

“Disruption from tech, just like trade, for example, creates winners and losers,” he says. “There are a lot of consequences for not compensating those losers adequately.”

It’s important to note, here, that one-time payouts, like the \$1,200 many Americans are expecting as part of the Senate’s recently passed \$2.2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package, aren’t exactly a UBI. That money is more along the lines of a tax kicker, which isn’t uncommon. For payments from the government to citizens to be truly considered an exercise in UBI, they should repeat over time, Kuhn explains.

Could we see an election in the near future with presidential candidates from both Republican and Democratic parties run on their version of a UBI plan, using something like the UBI calculator as a tool to reach their constituency?

Kuhn says it’s possible.

“Today’s Republican Party is concerned with mitigating the consequences of who loses from trade, and mitigating the consequences of who loses from tech,” he says. “There are different angles that a potential populist-style Republican could take and bring a plan along with them, and certainly there are a handful of Democrats that could run on it as well,” he says.

Biglan agrees. “The interesting thing about UBI is it seems to have a very broad range of support across the aisle,” he says.

UBI gives people the liberty to make their own choices, which is appealing to a more Libertarian mindset, while on the flipside, UBI, “creates a safety net base for huge numbers of people that are just completely left out and really struggling,” Biglan says. ■

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In these apprehensive COVID-19 times, Beth Green is certain of one thing: "We have to figure out what we can do with what we have." For Green, that means spreading the wealth of love online to those who are fearful of all things related to the coronavirus. The 75-year-old intuitive counselor hosts **Spread Peace Around Coronavirus**, a one-hour support group that aims, she says, "to alleviate needless suffering" and bring the community together to understand that "we are all one." Green, who has organized support groups and written books about inner peace since she became a psychic counselor in 1980, says her support group is a spiritual exercise without religious borders. "I'm not interested in the semantics of it," she says. Green hopes to have people "see things in a different way" because "It's really my hope to help people for the rest of my life."

Beth Green, along with her husband James Maynard, hosts **Spread Peace Around Coronavirus**, a one-hour support group, on Thursdays at noon. Additionally, Green hosts **Granny Rocks** on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Both shows are FREE, but you must register at [BethGreen.as.me](http://BethGreen.as.me).  
— Dan Buckwalter

**ONLINE GATHERINGS** Candidate forum for Eugene City Council Ward 1 (ft. Emily Semple, Sean Dwyer, Eliza Kashinsky, Candice King, Daniel Williams & Tim Morris), noon-1:30pm, broadcast on Eugene City Club Facebook page, then available on YouTube. Airing again Monday, April 6 on KLCC, 89.7 FM

Virtual Town Hall w/ Councilor Claire Syrett, joined by Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinus, 5:30pm. [Dplc.org](http://Dplc.org).

**ONLINE PERFORMANCE** Eugene Symphony Epic Fridays: Mahler's Symphony No. 3. 5pm. Live on Francesco Lecce-Chong's Facebook.

## SATURDAY APRIL 4

**ON THE AIR** The Dr. Yeti Radio Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.7 FM or streamed at [KOCF.org](http://KOCF.org).

## SUNDAY APRIL 5

**SPIRITUAL** All churches have been shuttered. Consult your church website for live-stream worship times.

Eugene Insight Meditation Community, 6:30pm, online via Zoom.

## MONDAY APRIL 6

**ONLINE GATHERINGS** **Granny Rocks**, 6:30pm. Register at [BethGreen.as.me](http://BethGreen.as.me).

**ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES** Life without Fear & Anxiety, 6-7:30pm, online via Zoom.

Lunchtime meditation, noon-12:30pm, online via Zoom. \$5.

## TUESDAY APRIL 7

**ONLINE GATHERINGS** Ninkasi Virtual Tasting Tuesdays, Total Domination Northwest IPA. More info at [NinkasiBrewing.com](http://NinkasiBrewing.com)

**ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES** Beginning Meditation, 6-7:30pm, online via Zoom. \$5-10.

Lunchtime meditation, noon-12:30pm, online via Zoom. \$5.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

**ONLINE FAMILY**

**ENTERTAINMENT** Little Notes Music Time, 9:30am. More info at Eugene Suzuki Music Academy Facebook page.

**ONLINE GATHERINGS** **Granny Rocks**, 6:30pm. Register at [BethGreen.as.me](http://BethGreen.as.me).

**ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES** Lunchtime meditation, noon-12:30pm. \$5.

## THURSDAY APRIL 9

**ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES**

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Alcoholics Anonymous meetings can be found at [EviAaaweb.org](http://EviAaaweb.org).

Co-Dependents Anonymous meetings can be found at [Coda.org](http://Coda.org).

Debtors Anonymous meetings can be found at [OregonDebtorsAnonymous.org](http://OregonDebtorsAnonymous.org).

Emotions Anonymous meetings can be found at [EmotionsAnonymous.org](http://EmotionsAnonymous.org).

Marijuana Anonymous meetings can be found at [Marijuana-Anonymous.org](http://Marijuana-Anonymous.org).

Narcotics Anonymous meetings can be found at [na.org](http://na.org).

Overeaters Anonymous meetings can be found at [oa.org](http://oa.org).

Refuge Recovery meetings can be found at [RefugeRecovery.org](http://RefugeRecovery.org).

**ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT** Stay Home Talent Show (April 17, noon-3pm). Submissions taken April 2-10. More info at Hult Center's Facebook page.

**ONLINE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT** Explore.org, live cams from around the world.

OMSI Live Stream events, short notice on these events. More info at [OMSI Facebook page](http://OMSI Facebook page).

Oregon State Parks, whale watching and other videos about Oregon's State Parks, Oregon State Parks - YouTube.

**ONLINE EXHIBITS** Karin Clarke Gallery, [KarinClarkeGallery.com](http://KarinClarkeGallery.com).

Maude Kerns Art Center (ft. work by Judith Hochman, Kum-ja Lee, M.V. Moran, Alanna Risse, Rhonda Vanover & Amanda Martin Wilcox), [mkcenter.org](http://mkcenter.org).

White Lotus Gallery, [WLotus.com](http://WLotus.com)

**ONLINE PODCASTS** The Lost Sea Otters of Oregon, [OregonWild.org](http://OregonWild.org).

**SPIRITUAL** Blue Cliff Zen Center, online via Zoom. Meetings can be found at [BlueCliffZen.org](http://BlueCliffZen.org).

## THURSDAY APRIL 2

**ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES** **Spread Peace Around Coronavirus: Free one-hour online group support**, noon-1pm. RSVP at [BethGreen.as.me](http://BethGreen.as.me).

**ONLINE PERFORMANCE** Eugene Symphony Quirky Thursdays: Poulenc's Organ Concerto, 5pm. Live on Francesco Lecce-Chong's Facebook.

**ON THE AIR** "The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

## FRIDAY APRIL 3

**ONLINE FAMILY GATHERINGS** Oregon Zoo Live, activities developed by an award-winning education team aimed at K-5 (river otters, red panda Moshu and western pond turtles), 9:30am. [OregonZoo.org](http://OregonZoo.org).





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# Gender Bender

HULU'S **HIGH FIDELITY** FOR A NEW GENERATION CASTS THE LEAD AS A WOMAN

By Christian Cancilla

**A**dapted from the Nick Hornby book of the same name, *High Fidelity* found success as a film 20 years ago featuring John Cusack as Rob, a role that garnered him a Golden Globe nomination, and a supporting cast that featured Jack Black and Lenny Kravitz's own mother.

In Hulu's new version of the tale, the world has changed. The fourth-wall breaking Robyn "Rob" Brooks (Zoë Kravitz) owns a record store that she runs with her best friends more like a personal musical playground than as a business. When Rob's ex moves back to the city with a new girlfriend after calling off their engagement the previous year, she confronts her past relationships. As she explores her top-five greatest heartbreaks of all-time, Rob looks for answers as to why her love life is a wreck and what it may reflect about her.

Hulu's *High Fidelity* series offers the story of the burgeoning New York adult with a messy love life for people of different sizes, colors and sexualities. That's a story that HBO's *Girls* attempted but only really achieved for an audience of young white women.

Early on, *High Fidelity* is often hampered by being

too faithful as an adaptation. In the pilot particularly, it's hard to forget what Cusack and Black did so well in their performances as you watch new actors deliver the same dialogue and jokes.

Fortunately, the show expands on the characters and their respective stories so that the actors are given a fair shot at going beyond a simple remake. Some of the bits from the original are reworked and updated to great results. In one instance the three mull over whether they should sell a Michael Jackson record to a customer in light of recent controversies and allegations. It's a fantastic detail that stays true to the attitude of the original while tweaking it to be fresh.

*High Fidelity* makes a few key changes in this interpretation, the main one being to cast Zoë Kravitz, the daughter of Lenny Kravitz, who also serves as executive producer. The choice to have Kravitz, a mixed-race woman, instead of a white man is a creative choice that benefits that show. It further separates itself from the film and better reflects a more diverse audience.

Where Cusack's Rob was rougher around the edges, more sarcastic, bitter and self-centered (which he did fantastically); Kravitz is more relatable. She is emo-

tionally immature, unhappy and overly invested in the life she had and not the one that she has. Kravitz isn't a revelation, and the show isn't either, but she delivers a good performance.

The show's real strength is in its supporting cast. Cherise (Da'Vine Joy Randolph) dreams of starting a band and making her own music but faces rejection at every corner, like when a person interested in her sign looking for bandmates leaves after seeing her, or when a singer's manager is quick to shut down her inquiries about working together.

Following up Black, who played this character in the film, has challenges; his brand of comedy is so distinct that it would be easy for this role to become an impersonation in his shadow. But the storyline, which was done for laughs in the film, is developed as a story of self-doubt and insecurity that has a beautiful payoff in the show.

The other member of the trio is Simon (David H. Holmes), a gay man who dated Rob before coming out, and gets his own fourth-wall-breaking episode to explore his own top-five heartbreaks. In it he gets to take the spotlight and explore his own insecurities and relationship woes which typically take the backseat to Rob's. It's a lovely change of pace and an exciting idea for future seasons to give other characters their own episodes.

*High Fidelity* is a noble effort at reworking a story for a new generation and exploring the modern dynamics of romantic relationships. The series format allows breathing room for stories to expand, and for supporting characters to explore their own issues.

The show takes time to get on track and deliver more than a straightforward remake, but eventually offers its own story and characters with plenty of room to grow. ■

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# Islands in the Stream

A EUGENE WEEKLY MUSIC WRITER COZIES UP TO LIVE STREAMING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

By Will Kennedy

**O**n the first evening of spring, and a few days into self-quarantine, I sat in the kitchen of my west Eugene home, watching stand-up comedians perform to no audience through a live stream at Sessions Music Hall downtown.

At this moment, the strangest feeling came over me, difficult to describe, full of complexity and contradiction, and a little like existential vertigo. It was the sense that, all at once, something big had changed — something that prior to this point moved at an imperceptible pace.

Streams like these are increasingly common, as artists all over the world — Ben Gibbard, Neil Young and Willie Nelson, to name a few — take to live streaming platforms amid calls for self-quarantine and social distancing. They do it to stay financially liquid, in some cases, but also to share their art or spread comfort and connection.

It's no different in Eugene. For instance, in the wake of COVID-19, Eugene rock duo **The Critical Shakes** hope to launch their own live stream. Ministering to shock, trauma and grief suits the band, says Critical Shakes singer and drummer Jordan Blaisdell via, of course, email.

"The root of our music is the cathartic release of negative feelings," he says. "We spent the first six months of the band in a room by ourselves, resisting playing shows

until we were ready." While it feels reductive to go back to that space of straight creation, it's also liberating, he says.

Before the novel coronavirus, most discourse around the use of social media had it dividing us more than uniting us. This, too, seems to be changing, as if overnight. Now that platforms like Facebook are all that's left, I ask Blaisdell if these channels could just now be coming into their own.

"The magic of live music is in its temporariness," Blaisdell responds. Live streaming, he says, is antithetical to that. But if even just a little bit of the negative stimulus we're all experiencing can be transformed into communal catharsis, it's worth it, he says.

Max Miller, bassist with Eugene indie rock band **Fools**, isn't so sure.

"This isn't some new model that's going to reinfuse music into listener's lives in some novel way," he says. "It's still little sterile boxes of sound and color with no actual human element." That's the same stuff that's been eroding the value of music for a solid couple of decades now, he says.

Nevertheless, live streaming has Eugene singer-songwriter **Halie Loren** rethinking her entire relationship with the internet.

In the past, Loren found herself resenting social media. That, too, is beginning to change. This could be a tipping point, she says, redefining our relationship to social media and the internet, but also our relationship to art itself.

In addition to music live streams, Calysta Cheyenne, singer with Eugene band **Fortune's Folly**, has been

streaming body-strengthening and mindfulness exercises.

"Going live on social media gives me an opportunity to show up in the world," she says. "It's inspiring to see what other creatives are coming up with to endure the isolation and how they continue to express themselves." She expects live stream-style concerts to become more and more popular in the coming months.



Photo by Alex Quadrini

To me, the rise of live streaming during coronavirus recalls what I know of Giovanni Boccaccio's 14th-century collection of tales, *The Decameron*. The work follows 10 young people as they hide out in Italy during the height of the Black Plague, telling each other tales to pass the time and stay sane.

In 2020, we do the same, from artists live streaming a performance to someone Zooming with a friend — faces stacked in neat and orderly boxes or side-by-side, lit up by the warm blue of our computer monitors.

"It seems that as people are finding that they truly need art as a source of comfort," Loren says, "musicians and artists are taking up the mantle."

Back at the Sessions comedy stream, one comic said to the home audience, after landing a punchline, "I don't know how you'll clap with your phone in your hand."

Thumbs-ups and hearts fluttered across my computer screen. Downtown, Sessions Music Hall remained silent. ■

Find Sessions live streaming at [SessionsMusicHall.com/live-streaming](https://SessionsMusicHall.com/live-streaming).



Photo by Russ Elsevier

# Two Broke Boys, No Cadillac

THE LIFE OF A LOWLY WORDSMITH RAPPING IN EUGENE

By Donny Morrison

**F**or local rapper Speno, it's hard to not to think about money all the time.

But on his new EP *Hand Me Downs*, through his ferocious wit and ability for self-examination, Speno proves that money isn't everything — even if that's by virtue of having none.

"I wouldn't be here without hand-me-downs," Speno says. "From handing me down clothes, to handing me down cigarettes. All the way to hand-me-down beats from Smyth."

"I've never been that dude that's been poor and found value in like, the butterflies flying up across my face while I've been like sleeping on a fucking bench or something," Speno says. "It's better to see butterflies fly across your

face while you're traveling because you have the money to travel."

Born and raised in Eugene and a graduate of the University of Oregon, Speno has been a regular in the local music scene for years. The first time I saw him rap was in 2018, backed by a full band at Luckey's Wednesday night Funk Jam. Before the virus you could still catch him there if you were lucky, often performing with members of a band he's in, called Doink!. "That's 'Doink' with an exclamation mark," Speno says.

He's also performed regularly at house shows around campus with frequent collaborators Brax and Smyth, the latter of whom handled production on the new EP. The beats are some of Smyth's darkest yet and remind me of my favorite horrorcore records from the '90s,



Photo by Sarah Northrop



like Kool Keith’s “Sex Style” or any beat Canibus has ever rapped on.

Smyth released his self-produced debut album *Spore Atti*, last summer and has recently landed production credits on albums from Portland rappers Wynne and Slick Devious, among others. But Smyth’s focus on *Hand Me Downs* has never been clearer. Each song is able to build on the one before it in a way that adds a level of cohesion missing in most contemporary rap releases.

“Working with Speno is so beneficial to my artistic development,” Smyth says. “He constantly teaches me new techniques and aspects to analyze.”

The starkness brewing directly underneath Smyth’s head-bobbing production becomes the perfect playground for Speno’s morbid philosophizing. At the end of “Shoulda Jabbed,” Speno asks what I consider to be a centralizing question: “Posted in my robe, I’m exposed, they say how in sweet Jesus is Moses so broke?”

One of my favorite things about Speno as an artist is

his ability to place his situation within a larger context. He’s able to take the bigger picture of poverty and make it wallet-sized by using language that’s meant to be relatable. There are multiple Taco Bell references; he uses plastic silverware at home, and there’s an entire track dedicated to EBT.

But part of what is so fun about *Hand Me Downs* is this acknowledgement of class unity among the impoverished. A sense of pride comes with growing up poor — with knowing you’ve had to work a little harder for your things. Speno does a good job of never letting his pride morph into victimhood, a common failing among today’s young rappers. Speno knows, as all of my fellow millennials do, that there’s plenty of blame to go around as to why so many of us are finishing our 20s with peaks and valleys of debt. Speno only blames himself.

The key to Speno’s music lies in his ability to draw from a seemingly endless well of self-deprecation. But it isn’t born out of a need to talk about oneself in a galvanizing

manner, although there is that sense of urgency, but instead it comes from his desire to understand the world around him; to place himself in the center of existence and then look around, taking notes.

“I’ve never been that dude that’s been poor and found value in like, the butterflies flying up across my face while I’ve been like sleeping on a fucking bench or something,” Speno says. “It’s better to see butterflies fly across your face while you’re traveling because you have the money to travel.”

Speno is the kind of rapper Eugene is lucky to have showing up at open mics and house shows. His technical skill is far beyond the stages that have been built around him, and I wouldn’t be surprised if he found he was getting bigger in the future. But for now he grinds. Patiently waiting for a way out. ■

*Hand Me Downs is available on all major streaming services. It can be purchased for actual money that goes straight to the artist on Bandcamp at SmythMusic.Bandcamp.com/album/hand-me-downs.*

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Fern Ellen Reding, Deceased. Case No. 20PB01929 **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons hav-

ing claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published on March 19th, 2020. Nick Ray Reding Personal Representative.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT** In the Matter of the Estate of **LINNIS BURKE JONES**, Decedent. Case No. 20PB01727 **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mark Alan Jones has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at the law office of Bassinger & Harvey, Attn: Scott G. Bassinger, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorneys for the personal representative, Scott G. Bassinger, Bassinger & Harvey 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Date and first publish: 03/26/20 Personal Representative: Mark Alan Jones 26805 High Pass Road Junction City, Oregon 97448 Telephone: 541-998-8961 Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott G. Bassinger, OSB# 920285 Bassinger & Harvey 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320 Eugene, Oregon 97401 Telephone: 541-687-8700 Fax: 541-687-8701 [scott@bassingerharveylaw.com](mailto:scott@bassingerharveylaw.com)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY STATE FARM BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT J. BOWSER AND SHARON L. BOWSER, HUSBAND AND WIFE; ROBERT J. BOWSER AND SHARON L. BOWSER NOT PERSONALLY BUT AS TRUSTEES ON BEHALF OF THE BOWSER FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 3,**

**2000; THE BOWSER FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 3, 2000; JOHN AND JANE DOES, I THROUGH V, OCCUPANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY,** Defendants. Case No. 19CV45024 **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AS TO DEFENDANTS JOHN AND JANE DOES, I THROUGH V, OCCUPANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF THIS DEBT IS IN OR HAS BEEN DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, BE ADVISED THIS COMMUNICATION IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DEBT AGAINST YOU. PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THE BENEFICIARY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE THE LEGAL RIGHTS ONLY AGAINST THE PROPERTY SECURING THE ORIGINAL OBLIGATION.** TO: Defendants Occupants of the Subject Real Property: You are hereby

required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above titled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Summons, in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof; Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. The object of said action is to judicially foreclose on the following described real property: LOT 9, BLOCK 10, WESTVIEW ADDITION, ALSO THE EAST 1/2 OF MADISON STREET, NOW VACATED, ABUTTING SAID LOT ON THE WEST, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 4, PAGE 87, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON; ALSO: THE WEST 1/2 OF VACATED MADISON STREET, ABUTTING LOT 2, BLOCK 20, OF THE STOREY SUBDIVISION OF COLLEGE-CREST ADDITION TO EUGENE, ON THE EAST, AS PLATTED AND

RECORDED IN BOOK 4, PAGE 41, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON; EXCEPT THE NORTH 12 FEET THEREOF, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LANE, STATE OF OREGON. Said property is commonly known as: 645 W 27th Place, Eugene, OR 97405. **DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMONS: 03/19/20**DATED March 10, 2020. WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S./s/ Carrie Majors-Staab [ x] Carrie Majors-Staab, OSB No. 980785 [ ] David Coats, OSB No. 154632 Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 2001 Western Ave, Suite 400 Seattle, WA 98121 Telephone (206) 269-3490 [cmajorsstaab@w-legal.com](mailto:cmajorsstaab@w-legal.com) [dcoats@w-legal.com](mailto:dcoats@w-legal.com) **NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S): READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!**You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear", you must file with the Court a

## Jonesin' Crossword

BY MATT JONES  
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### Across

1 Meat in a can  
5 Satirical internet comedy group since 2002  
10 Media monitor, briefly  
13 Bones beside radiuses  
15 Former capital of Japan (and anagram of the current capital)  
16 Pie \_\_\_ mode  
17 Type of information listed on 62-Across  
19 Former "Great British Bake Off" cohost Giedroyc  
20 Mingle amongst  
21 "That was my best effort"  
23 Lumberjack, colloquially  
25 "Who \_\_\_ is going?"  
26 "\_\_\_ additional cost!"  
30 "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand  
31 Hybrid lemon variety  
32 Moisturizer stick that Kellogg's once actually sold,

based on retro 62-Across  
35 "Take \_\_\_ Train" (Duke Ellington song)  
37 Passionate  
38 Completely absorbed  
42 Perry Mason creator \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner  
44 "It stays \_\_\_, even in milk!" (claim for some contents of 62-Across)  
45 Actor Colm of "Chicago" and "Thor"  
48 New, to Beethoven  
50 Risque message  
51 NYPD alerts  
52 Showtime series about a killer of killers  
55 Burger topping  
57 Did some indoor housework  
61 Make mistakes  
62 Containers at the breakfast table (represented by the circled letters)  
65 Apple's mobile devices

run on it  
66 Golf course hazards  
67 Authoritative decree  
68 Explosive letters  
69 Air ducts  
70 "Quit it!"

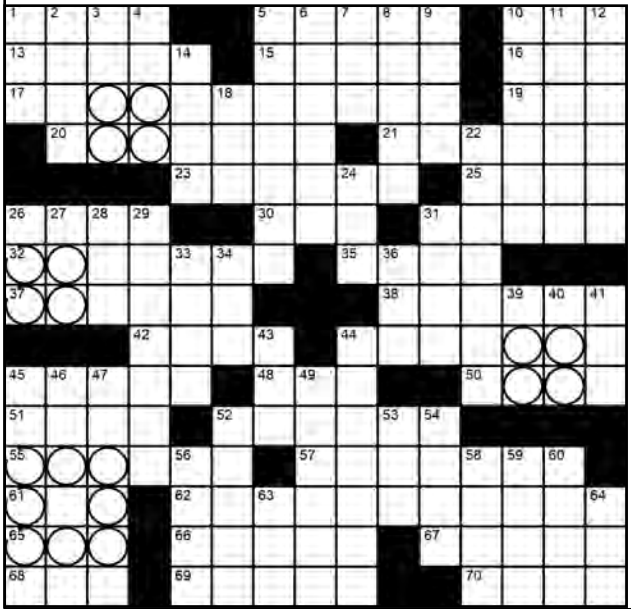
### Down

1 Grapefruit, in school solar system models  
2 "Clue" Professor  
3 Against  
4 Groucho of comedy  
5 Winter Olympics squad  
6 "Goodness gracious!"  
7 Ending for ball or buff  
8 Laundry mark  
9 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" captain Raymond  
10 Target of a G rating  
11 "A Fish Called Wanda" star  
12 Mobile artist Alexander  
14 Dancer and YouTube star JoJo  
18 Box office buys, briefly

### "Bowl Games"

—I'm busy reading the back.

22 Gains again, as trust  
24 Six-legged colony member  
26 Furry TV alien  
27 "Formal Friday" wear  
28 "All Songs Considered" broadcaster  
29 "Heads" side of a coin  
31 List of options  
33 Frigid ending?  
34 "Bad" cholesterol letters (I have trouble remembering which is which)  
36 "Tell \_\_\_ About It" (Billy Joel hit)  
39 Deck member  
40 Code for Arizona's Sky Harbor Airport  
41 News program created by Cenk Uygur, for short  
43 Dir. from Denver to Chicago  
44 Pirate's sword  
45 "Look at the facts!"  
46 "Julie & Julia" director Nora  
47 Singer-songwriter Conor  
49 Word after "I before E"  
52 Tractor manufacturer John  
53 Finless fish  
54 "Sticks and Bones" playwright David  
56 Sketch show with Bob and Doug McKenzie  
58 Shows approval  
59 Door sign  
60 Art \_\_\_ (style from 100 years ago)  
63 Went on the ballot  
64 Engine additive brand



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# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): "If all the world's a stage, where the hell is the teleprompter," asks aphorist Sami Feiring. In my astrological opinion, you, Aries, are the least likely of all the signs to identify with that perspective. While everyone else might wish they could be better prepared for the nonstop improvisational tests of everyday life, most of you tend to prefer what I call the "naked spontaneity" approach. If you were indeed given the chance to use a teleprompter, you'd probably ignore it. Everything I just said is especially and intensely true for you right now.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): When Nobel Prize-winning Norwegian author Knut Hamsun was 25-years-old, a doctor told him that the tuberculosis he had contracted would kill him within three months. But in fact, Hamsun lived 67 more years, till the age of 92. I suspect there's an equally erroneous prophecy or unwarranted expectation impacting your life right now. A certain process or phenomenon that seems to be nearing an end may in fact reinvent or resurrect itself, going on to last for quite some time. I suggest you clear away any misapprehensions you or others might have about it.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): I invite you to remember what you were thinking and feeling around your birthday in 2019. Were there specific goals you hoped to accomplish between then and your birthday in 2020? Were there bad old habits you aimed to dissolve and good new habits you proposed to instigate? Was there a lingering wound you aspired to heal or a debilitating memory you longed to conquer? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to take inventory of your progress in projects like those. And if you find that you have achieved less than you had hoped, I trust you will dedicate yourself to playing catch-up in the weeks between now and your birthday. You may be amazed at how much ground you can cover.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): I can't swim. Why? There was a good reason when I was a kid: I'm allergic to chlorine, and my mom wouldn't let me take swimming lessons at the local chlorine-treated pool. Since then, the failure to learn is inexcusable, and I'm embarrassed about it. Is there an equivalent phenomenon in your life, my fellow Cancerian? The coming weeks might be an excellent time to meditate on how to correct the problem. Now excuse me while I head out to my solo self-administered swim lesson at Bass Lake, buoyed by the instructions I got from a YouTube video.

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Is William Shakespeare the greatest author who ever lived? French philosopher Voltaire didn't think so, calling him "an amiable barbarian." Russian superstar author Leo Tolstoy claimed The Bard had "a complete absence of aesthetic feeling." England's first Poet Laureate John Dryden called Shakespeare's language "scarcely intelligible." T. E. Lawrence, a.k.a. Lawrence of Arabia, declared The Bard had a second-rate mind. Lord Byron said, "Shakespeare's name stands too absurdly high and will go down." His contemporary, the poet and playwright Ben Johnson, asserted that he "never had six lines together without a fault." I offer these cheeky views to encourage you Leos to enjoy your own idol-toppling and authority-questioning activities in the coming weeks. You have license to be an irrepressible iconoclast.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): Virgo-born Jack Ma is China's richest person and one of the world's most powerful businessmen. He co-founded Alibaba, the Chinese version of Amazon. com. He likes his employees to work hard, but also thinks they should cultivate a healthy balance between work and life. In his opinion, they should have sex six times a week, or 312 times a year. Some observers have suggested that's too much, especially if you labor 12 hours a day, six days a week, as Jack Ma prefers. But it may not be excessive for you Virgos. The coming months could be a very erotic time. But please practice safe sex in every way imaginable.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): How hard are you willing to work on your most important relationships? How might your life change for the better if you gave them your most potent resourcefulness and panache? The next eight weeks will be a favorable time for you to attend to these matters, Libra. During this fertile time, you will have unprecedented power to reinvigorate togetherness with imaginative innovations. I propose you undertake the following task: Treat your intimate alliances as creative art projects that warrant your supreme ingenuity.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): "I make mistakes," confessed author Jean Kerr. "I'll be the second to admit it." She was making a joke, contrasting her tepid sense of responsibility with the humbler and more common version of the idiom, which is "I make mistakes; I'll be the first to admit it." In the coming weeks, I'll be fine if you merely match her mild level of apology — just as long as you do indeed acknowledge some culpability in what has gone amiss or awry or off-kilter. One way or another, you need to be involved in atonement and correction, for your own sake.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): If you have been thinking of adopting a child or getting pregnant with a new child, the coming weeks will be a favorable time to enter a new phase of rumination about that possibility. If you've been dreaming off and on about a big project that could activate your dormant creative powers and captivate your imagination for a long time to come, now would be a perfect moment to get more practical about it. If you have fantasized about finding a new role that would allow you to express even more of your beauty and intelligence, you have arrived at a fertile phase to move to the next stage of that fantasy.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): I suggest you make room in your life for a time of sacred rejuvenation. Here are activities you might try: Recall your favorite events of the past. Reconnect with your roots. Research your genetic heritage. Send prayers to your ancestors, and ask them to converse with you in your dreams. Have fun feelings about what it must have been like when you were in your mother's womb. Get a phone consultation with a past life regression therapist who can help you recover scenes from your previous incarnations. Feel reverence and gratitude for traditions that are still meaningful to you. Reaffirm your core values, the principles that serve as your lodestar. And here's the number one task I recommend: Find a place of refuge in your imagination and memories; use your power of visualization to create an inner sanctuary.

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Are we just being poetic and fanciful when we say that wonder is a survival skill? Not according to the editors who assembled the collection of essays gathered in a book called Wonder and Other Survival Skills. They propose that a capacity to feel awe and reverence can help us to be vital and vigorous; that an appreciation for marvelous things makes us smart and resilient; that it's in our selfish interests to develop a humble longing for sublime beauty and an attraction to sacred experiences. The coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to dive deep into these healing pleasures, dear Aquarius.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): For decades, the city of Sacramento, California suffered from severe floods when the Sacramento and American Rivers overflowed their banks. Residents authorized a series of measures to prevent these disasters, culminating in the construction of a 59,000-acre floodplain that solved the problem. According to my analysis, the coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to plan an equally systematic transformation. It could address a big ongoing problem like Sacramento's floods, or it could be a strategy for reorganizing and recreating your life so as to gloriously serve your long-term dreams.

Homework: It's a good time to think about Shadow Blessings: <https://tinyurl.com/ShadowBlessings>

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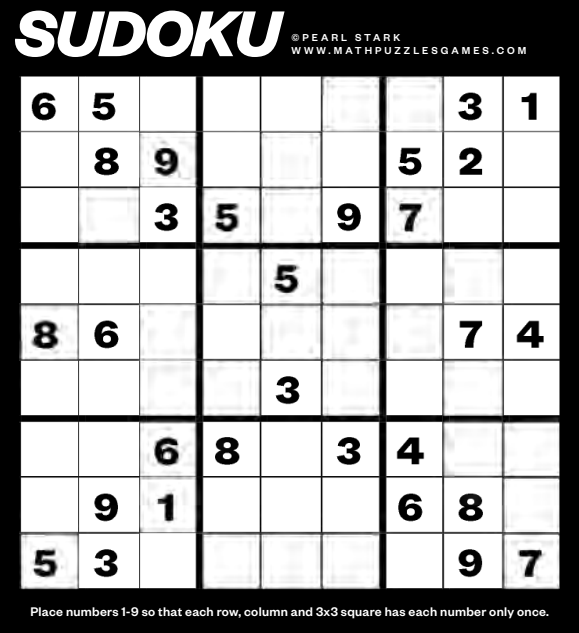
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LAKE** Case No. 185K01251 **ORDER CONTINUING TEMPORARY STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER BETTY SNOWDEN** Petitioner, v. **PRECIOUS YORK**, Respondent **THIS MATTER** came before the Court on the Courts own motion, the Court have reviewed the file and being fully advised; **THE COURT FINDS** that this matter is scheduled for hearing on April 6, 2020 at 9:00am, which is during the judicial conference. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this matter shall be reset for hearing at 9:00am on April 20, 2020, at which time both parties shall appear. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Petitioner shall be responsible for serving the Respondent with a copy of the Temporary Stalking Protective Order along with this Order Continuing Temporary Stalking Protective Order. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Temporary Stalking Protective Order is continued in full force and effect until further Order of the Court. /s/ Karrie K. McIntyre Karrie K. McIntyre, Circuit Court Judge

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT, ELECTION TO SELL AND NOTICE OF SALE GRANTOR:** BRIAN DAVIS and FAITH STEVENSON-DAVIS, as tenants by the entirety **TRUSTEE:** CASCADE TITLE COMPANY **SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE:** BRIAN D. COX, Attorney at Law **ORIGINAL BENEFICIARY:** LE TOURNEAU IV, LLC **ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST:** The beneficial interest was assigned to LeTourneau I, LLC, an Oregon Limited Liability Company, by Assignment Recorded August 27, 2019, Reception No. 2019-037221, Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. **DEED OF TRUST:** As follows, including its recording in the Lane County Oregon Official Records: Date of Trust Deed: August 6, 2018 Date Recorded: August 22, 2018 Recording Numbers:



Reception No. 2018-039396 **DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY** in Lane County, Oregon, covered by the Deed of Trust: Lot 17, PEPPERTREE, as platted and recorded in Book 70, Page 41, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. **DEFAULT FOR WHICH THE FORECLOSURE** is made: 1. Failure to pay the \$10,000.00 balloon payment due April 1, 2019. 2. Failure to pay the monthly installments of \$1,515.06 for the months of September, October, November, and December, 2019, and January 2020. 3. Failure to maintain insurance upon the premises as required by the Trust Deed. **SUM OWING ON THE OBLIGATION** secured by the Deed of Trust: \$251,364.83 as principal balance, plus \$2,589.47 as accrued unpaid interest, plus interest thereon at 6% per annum from November 8, 2019, until paid, plus \$303.00 in accrued unpaid late fees. **ELECTION TO SELL:** The Trustee elects to sell the real property to satisfy the sum owing on the obligation, which the Beneficiary has declared due. **THE SALE:** DATE: Monday, June 8, 2020 TIME: 10:00 o'clock a.m., Pacific Daylight as established by ORS 187.110 PLACE: Law Offices of Brian Cox, 142 W. 8th Ave., Eugene, Oregon 97401 The Trustee will sell the real property at oral public auction to the high-

est bidder for cash or cashier's check drawn on a bank or savings and loan with an Oregon branch, paid on the day of sale, the interest which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of execution of the deed of trust, together with any interest of the Grantor or successors in interest acquired after execution of the deed of trust, to satisfy the sum owing on the obligation plus the expenses of sale and trustee and attorney fees. **REINSTATEMENT:** Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceedings dismissed and the deed of trust reinstated by payment of the entire amount due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778, and by curing any other default complained of in the notice of default, at any time prior to five days before the date set for the sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chem-

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**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Notice is hereby given that John Morrell has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Timothy Lee Jones, deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Probate File No. 20PB01893. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to the said personal representative, at the office of the personal representative's attorney, Andrew L. Kraushaar, 834 Pearl Street, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Date of the first publication of this notice is 03/19/20. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or from the personal representative, or from the personal representative's attorney, Andrew L. Kraushaar, 834 Pearl Street, Eugene OR 97401; Phone 541-484-1066.

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# SAVAGE LOVE

**Open and Shut**  
BY DAN SAVAGE



**My husband and I got married in August of 2019, and we were together for over five years before getting married. I'm very happy and love him with all my heart. I want to have his kids and support his entrepreneurial efforts as he supports mine. We don't fight, we just have some tiffs here and there. The kicker is that I have a tough time feeling him during sex and he doesn't last as long as I would like him to. We're adventurous enough to try different things, i.e. toys and different positions, but I find myself sexually unfulfilled. He also isn't very willing/interested in going down on me, in fact he has not once gone down on me. I'm also finding myself attracted to and fantasizing about other men. In addition to being honest with my husband, I don't know what the solution is. I'm not opposed to opening up a marriage, but I worry that I'm just being selfish and that it's too soon to try or even discuss it at any length. I did bring up a crush I have on a co-worker and my husband said, "There's nothing wrong with having a snack." What did he mean by that? Do you have any other insights or suggestions on what to do?**

**Married Not Dead**

**P.S. I hope you, your family, and your friends are holding up OK during this pandemic. It's a scary time so I hope you're all OK.**

I shared your letter with Tristan Taormino, author of *Opening Up: A Guide to Creating and Sustaining Open Relationships*. Through her books, lectures and podcasts ("Sex Out Loud Radio"), Taormino has helped countless couples navigate the transition from monogamy to non-monogamy. But before we dive into the specifics of your situation, MND, there's something Taormino and I want to make clear to all.

"In this time of a global pandemic, thinking and talking about non-monogamy is all you can do right now," said Taormino. "This goes for everyone: no new sex partners until public health experts say we can go back to standing closer than six feet apart. Even then, we're going to have to proceed with caution." Listen up, people: the woman who literally wrote the book on open relationships says open and poly relationships are canceled for the time being. "Yup, canceled," said Taormino, "unless every one of your partners lives with you."

While COVID-19 isn't classified as a sexually transmitted infection (STI), having sex with someone who has coronavirus would almost certainly result in transmission. And since people who get infected typically don't show symptoms for up to two weeks, the fact that someone appears to be healthy doesn't mean they are corona-free. Someone can look and feel great and be both infected and infectious. So for the time being we should only be having sex with a sex partner we live with. If you have more than one sex partner and you're all staying in the same place, great! Poly isn't canceled for you and your partners. But we shouldn't be hooking up with new partners in person or going to see established partners we don't live with. That goes double for meeting up with non-cohabiting partners who have other partners and whose other partners have other partners of their own. But the good news is that sext messages and dirty video chats are both allowed and encouraged, kids, so we can get off online with new people as well as established partners who live on the other side of town or the other side of the world. Hell, get the whole polycule together on Zoom — just don't actually get together (or get under) anyone you don't live with.

Okay! With that out of the way, MND, we're going to answer your question. But bear in mind that some of our advice — our advice about opening up your marriage — won't be fully actionable until after COVID-19 is brought under control.

"I'm glad MND is being honest with her husband about her desires, but let's take that further with even more specific talk about what's missing in her sex life," said Taormino. "In her letter, I heard: pussyeating, intense enough sensation from intercourse, and longer sex sessions. I'll translate that: she's missing pleasure, reciprocation, and orgasms for her. She is NOT being selfish for wanting these things. They are pretty fundamental aspects of a sexual relationship, and she needs to address them with her husband first."

Backing way the hell up: assuming you knew about my column five years ago, MND, it's telling you didn't ask for my advice back when you realized your new boyfriend was never going to eat your pussy. (Spoiler: I would've told you to dump him.) Since you chose not to break up with your boyfriend over the lack cunnilingus back then and you don't want to divorce your husband over it now, MND, it would seem that going without oral — at least going without at home — is the price of admission you're willing to pay to be with this guy.

As for your other issues about your sex life with your husband — you don't "feel him" during penis-in-vagina (PIV) intercourse and it's over too quickly — the right toys could certainly help. But if your husband ruled out penetration toys that were bigger than his cock, MND, or if you didn't order any that were bigger than his cock to avoid hurting his feelings, you're gonna have to broach the subject of buying some larger toys, MND, ones you can really feel. And since experimenting with new positions didn't help your husband last longer, you should try alternating between toys and his cock during PIV, which will make both the sex (and the husband) last longer. "If MND's husband is really in this relationship, he should be open and willing to give most anything a try," said Taormino. "MND really needs to see that he's as interested in her pleasure and satisfaction as he is in his own. And if there's something she wants to try or something that really turns her on and gets her off that her husband doesn't know about, now is the time to share the juicy details."

As for opening up the relationship, MND, I wouldn't advise most people to initiate that convo at this moment. Because if the conversation goes badly — and they often do at first — that could mean sheltering in place with an angry person. But based on your husband's reaction when you confessed having a crush on a coworker, MND, I think you could risk discussing opening up while you're locked down. Your husband didn't say there was nothing wrong with fantasizing about a snack, MND, he said there's nothing wrong with having a snack. Make no mistake: that's not a green light to immediately outsource getting your pussy eaten. But his calm, matter-of-fact reaction when you confided in him about your crush is good sign.

But first things first: you need to work with your husband on improving your sex life at home and you should have a convo about that — and a convo about ordering some new sex toys — before you make plans to open up the relationship and start getting your pussy eaten elsewhere. "Exploring non-monogamy is one way to address sexual incompatibilities and expand our capacity for love and intimacy," said Taormino. "But the stuff between the two of them needs to get talked about first. Otherwise, you're glossing over the issues with something new and shiny."

Follow Tristan Taormino on Twitter @TristanTaormino.

**I've been in love with a close friend for years. Social distancing has thrown major life "re-grets" into high relief and I would be crushed if something happened to him. We've both been distancing for two weeks and neither of us have symptoms. Can I have him come over to hang out? What if we ended up making out or hooking up? He has housemates and I don't, so he's around more people than I am, but everyone at his house has been distancing too. I see so many questions about hooking up with randos and that seems like a clear no-no. But what about hooking up with someone you know?**

**No Regrets**

Also a no-no, NR. We're not supposed to come within six feet of anyone we don't live with, NR, which means you can't invite this guy over to play cribbage and/or fuck you senseless. If you wanted to invite this guy over to stay, you could shack up and wait out the lockdown together. But you can't invite him over just to play. Instead of inviting him over and hoping for something to happen, NR, you should give this guy a call and tell him how you feel. He might feel the same way and want to be your quarantine buddy. But if he doesn't feel the same way, at least you'll know. Rejections we can get over, NR, but regrets are for life.

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butterstick barricade

But there weren't no actual girls that went there, so we had to pretend that all them knotted pine planks was beautiful ladies.

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